GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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BAN ON TERRORIST ORGANISATIONS
BHERU LAL MEENA;CHARAN DAS MAHANT;GAJENDRA SINGH RAJUKHEDI;RAMESHWAR DUDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI;TARACHAND BHAGORA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have requested American Administration to ban some terrorist organisations active in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the American Administration thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. Government shares its information and assessment on the nature and source of cross-border terrorism in India, including on Pakistan-based terrorist organisations operating in India, with the United States as part of the on-going India-U.S. bilateral cooperation for combating terrorism through the Joint Working Group on Counter-terrorism.

(c) In accordance with the procedure prescribed by its domestic law, the United States has placed Harkat-ul-Mujahideen on the list of `Foreign Terrorist Organisations` and Lashkar-e-Toiba on the list of `Other Terrorist Organisations` maintained by the U.S. State Department. It has also included Jaish-e-Mohammed on the list of Specially Designated Terrorist Groups of the U.S. Department of Treasury.